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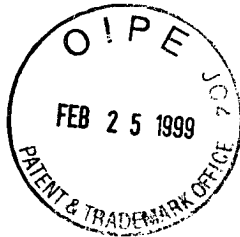
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Polynucleotides Encoding Chemokine Beta-15 (As Amended)**  
Inventors: Wei *et al.*  
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Sir:

In response to the **Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due** dated **November 30, 1998**, the following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

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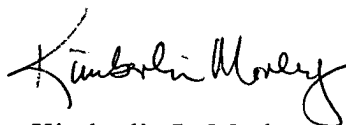
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Respectfully submitted,

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